Data Measures for Program Enhancement Plan
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Importance of Data for PEP

- State has specific improvement targets for national safety and permanency standards
- State must show measurable improvement on CFSR performance items
- Failure to meet improvement goals can result in federal financial penalties
- Federal government will review data to measure state achievement

Sources of Data for PEP

- eWiSACWIS data for national safety and permanency standards (AFCARS and NCANDS)
- eWiSACWIS data for selected CFSR outcome items
- CQI review data for selected CFSR outcome items
- Other data for a few CFSR outcome items

Safety National Standards

- Recurrence of maltreatment (nat'l standard and CFSR Item 2) - eWiSACWIS report sm06a03
- Maltreatment while in OH care (nat'l standard) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a23 *
- Data will be taken from NCANDS child file; DCFS will submit first file for FFY 2005. Alternate data was used for the PEP.

Note: * = report best used on statewide basis

Permanency Nat'l Standards

- Timeliness of reunification (nat'l standard and CFSR Item 8) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a22
- Timeliness of adoption (nat'l standard and CFSR Item 9) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a20 *
- Re-entry to OH care (nat'l standard and CFSR Item 5) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a24
- Placement stability (nat'l standard and CFSR Item 6) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a25
- Data is taken from AFCARS foster care file

eWiSACWIS PEP Reports
Safety Items

- Timeliness of CPS investigations (CFSR Item 1) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Completion of safety assessments/plans (CFSR Item 3) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Safety services identified for safety risks (CFSR Item 3) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04

eWiSACWIS PEP Reports Permanency Items

- Length of stay in OH care (for caseload analysis) - eWiSACWIS report sm10a21
- Permanency goals (CFSR Items 7 - 9) - eWiSACWIS report ready 6/04
- ASFA TPR requirement (CFSR Item 7) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Independent living plans (CFSR Item 10) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04 **

Note: ** = eWiSACWIS screen use is limited

eWiSACWIS PEP Reports Permanency Items, cont.

- Placement with siblings - (CFSR Item 12) eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Indian Child Welfare Act notification (CFSR Item 14) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Foster provider demographics (for diligent recruitment) - eWiSACWIS report ready 6/04
- Use of relatives for placement (CFSR Item 15) - possible eWiSACWIS report

CQI Review Results
Permanency Items

- Visitation with parents and siblings (CFSR Item13)
- Maintaining connections for children (CFSR Item 14)
- Use of relatives for placement (CFSR Item 15) - CQI results primary measure
- Relationship of children with parents (CFSR Item 16)

eWISACWIS PEP Reports
Well Being Items

- Family assessments and service plans (CFSR Item 17) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04
- Worker contact with children (Monitoring only for CFSR Item 19) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04 **
- Worker contact with parents (CFSR Item 20) - new eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04 **
- Use of education screen (CFSR Item 21) - eWiSACWIS report ready 6/04 **
- Use of medical screen (CFSR Items 22 and 23) - eWiSACWIS report ready 3/04 **

CQI Review Results
Well Being Items

- Services provided based on needs assessment (CFSR Item 17) - CQI results primary measure
- Family involvement in case planing (CFSR Item 18)
- Medical needs of children (CFSR Item 22) - CQI results primary measure
- Mental health needs of children (CFSR Item 23) - CQI results primary measure

Limitations of Data Sources

* Due to small numbers of cases, these reports may not be useful on a county-by-county basis.

** Completion of eWiSACWIS screens is currently not required, so usefulness of reports will depend on how counties are using eWiSACWIS screens.

- The QI case reviews process results will be limited to counties reviewed under the new QI process. The case review tool will be made available to counties that want to review their own cases.

PEP Reports Features

- Statewide summary information showing results by county
- County summary information showing results by site
- Detailed case list in Excel that can be downloaded for local data analysis
- Working with counties to validate reports
- Reports will be available via web to authorized users via eWReports

PEP Report Features, cont.

- Key features for reports:
  - Performance measure easy to understand
  - Context information provided where useful
  - Ability to drill down to case detail
  - Terms used in reports are defined
  - Information linked to eWiSACWIS screens where data is entered
  - Provide "cheat sheets" for entering data

eWReports - Report List
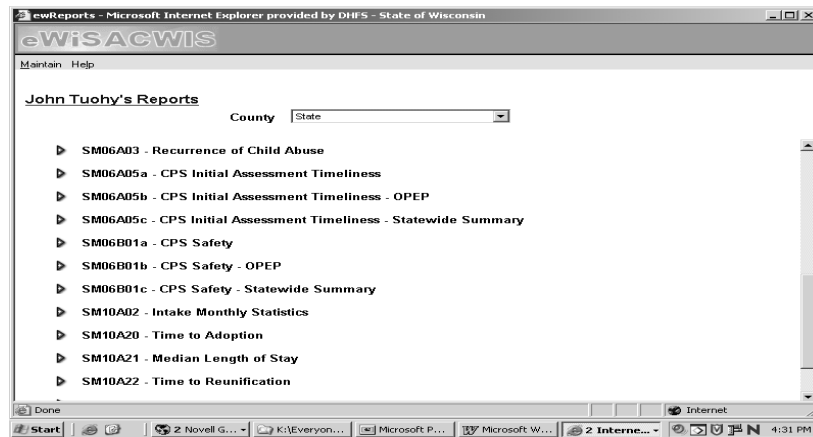
PEP Reports - Statewide Summary

eWReports - County Reports
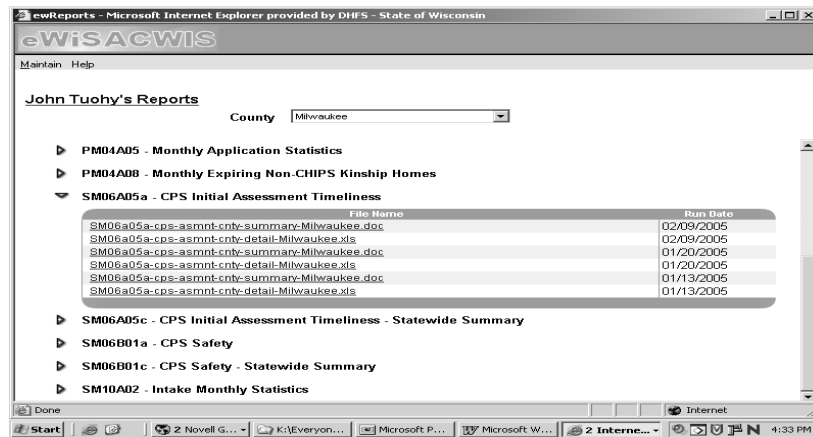
PEP Report - County Detail

PEP Report Key for Terms


eWiSACWIS Screen Shots
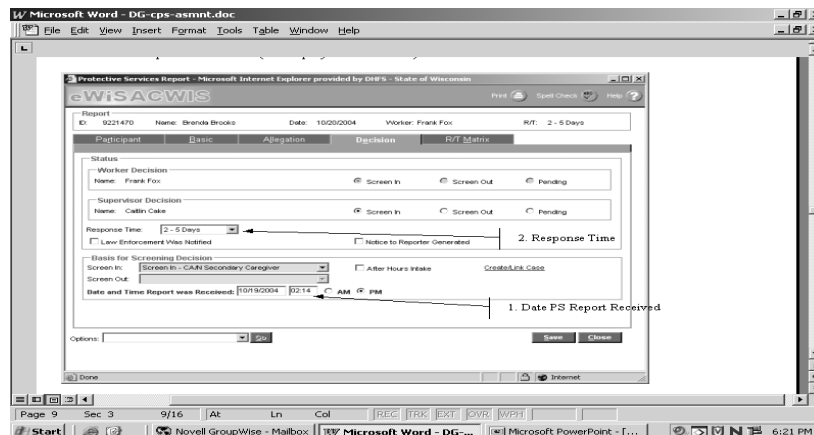
Visual Presentation for PEP Reports

- DCFS is working on web-based "dashboard" to make PEP reports available in visual format
- Visual format will allow users to drill down to more detail with point and click
- Can change views to see current period, trends and comparisons between units within agency
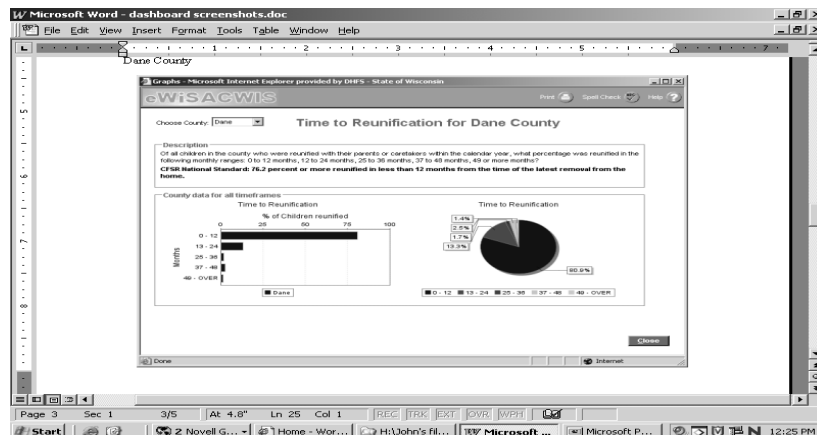- Can chart performance of agencies and units compared with PEP goals
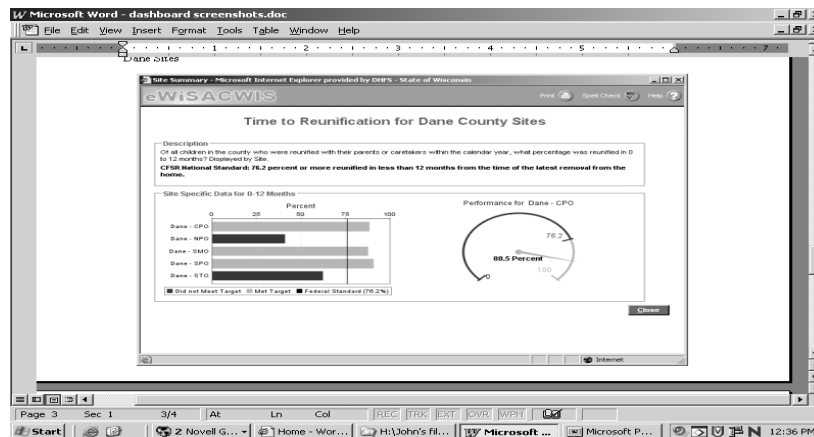
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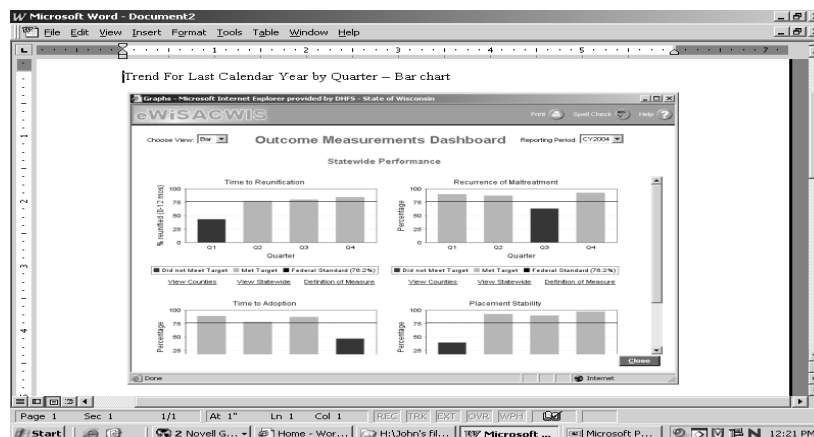
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County Comparison
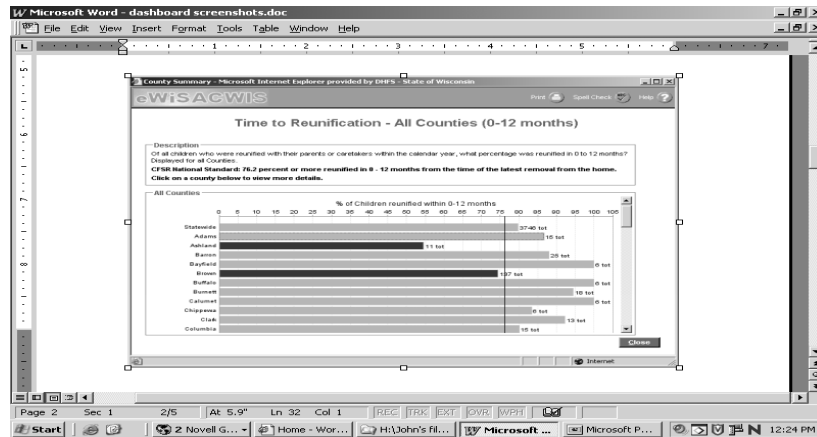
Prototype Visual
County Detail

Prototype Visual
County Detail by Site

Report Issues

- Organizational culture to mistrust data, especially if data is used for punitive purposes
- Counties still learning how to use eWiSACWIS; variation in data entry practices and data quality
- Specifying what information is "required" to be documented in eWiSACWIS
- Need to correct missing/incomplete information
- Timeliness of data entry and supervisor approval
- Fluctuations due to small number of cases

Discussion Questions

- Supporting local agency staff to use PEP report information effectively
- How broadly should access be allowed to PEP report information
- Incorporating PEP report information into the CQI county review process
- Building confidence in eWiSACWIS data so it can be used to accurately measure progress

More Information

Wisconsin CFSR/PEP web site:

CFSR: http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/cwreview/cfsr/cfsr.htm

PEP: http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/cwreview/PEP.htm

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